

Clause 12 (Discrimination) Analysis 1 January - 31 March 2020

IPSO will publish information on a quarterly basis where we have received more than ten complaints under Clause 12 of the Editors' Code of Practice about the same issue. The information below gives a brief summary of the types of complaints received and the outcome. It is not intended to be exhaustive and the statistics about the numbers of complaints received are accurate up to the end of the relevant quarter. These statistics do not include any cases still under investigation; cases relating to any non-regulated publications; or cases where IPSO received fewer than 10 complaints.

Headline	Publications	Characteristics/group	Analysis
Over 100 complaints			
Between 10 and 100 complaints			
Aliens are among us – battling to lead the Labour Party	The Daily Telegraph	Rebecca Long-Bailey	Opinion piece about Labour leadership contender Rebecca Long-Bailey. Complainants stated that the article featured an attack on her physical appearance, comparing her to an alien, which they believed was derogatory and sexist. Complaints were made by third parties.
Racism on rise in wake of outbreak	Metro	MiMi Aye / Asian people	Article describing the experiences of Asian people who believed that racist behaviour towards Asians was increasing during the Coronavirus pandemic. The article featured one woman's photograph. Complainants believed that putting her picture next to the article implied that she had the virus, and that she would suffer more racism as a result.
The big read	Sunday Herald	Alex Salmond	Article on the eve of Alex Salmond's trial for sexual assault, which compared it to other high-profile trials over the years. Complainants were angry that Alex Salmond's picture appeared next to notorious criminals including murderers, which may have implied that he was guilty. Some believed that the article could prejudice a jury and jeopardise a fair trial. Salmond was later acquitted on all charges. Complaints were made by third parties.